

1--35. The wall of claim 25, wherein:

a. said means for connecting said shear-resisting assembly to said underlying structural component is a foundation anchor anchored to said underlying structural component, said foundation anchor being designed to transmit lateral forces imposed on said underlying structural component to said shear resisting assembly,

b. said bottom strut is formed with an opening through which said foundation anchor passes, and said opening in said bottom strut is oversized to accommodate mis-installation of said foundation anchor in said underlying structural component; and

c. said wall further comprising epoxy within said opening in said bottom strut to ensure close contact between said foundation anchor and said bottom strut. --

15 Applicants elect the species shown in Figure 7A having epoxy between the foundation anchor and the bottom strut and the species shown in Figure 8 having boundary edging members on the shear-resisting element. Claims 1 -- 10, 15 -- 35 read on the elected species identified by these figures.

20 Applicants request that the examiner proceed with the examination of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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